

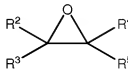
### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which there are nine separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants have already elected Group I inventions as set forth in claims 1-17. Applicants now are requested to elect species within this group. Applicants elect these species without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right without prejudice to file a divisional application on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

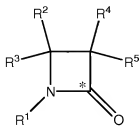
Applicants submit the following species:

Azide: an azide used as a precursor in the instant invention have a formula  $R^1-N_3$ , wherein  $R^1$  is linear or cyclic alkyl, hydrogen or substituted alkyl, aryl or substituted aryl and may contain carbonyl, hydroxy, thiol, halogen, nitrile, isonitrile, cyanate, isocyanate, thiocyanate, isothiocyanate functional groups. Support can be found on page 19, lines 28-31 of the specification.



Appropriate reagent: appropriate reagent comprises:  $R^3$ , wherein M is selected from counter ions including Na, Li or K, X is selected from Cl, Br, or I, and  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are independently linear or cyclic lower alkyl or substituted alkyl, hydrogen, aryl or substituted aryl, and may contain carbonyl, hydroxy, thiol, halogen, nitrile, isonitrile, cyanate, isocyanate, thiocyanate, isothiocyanate functional groups. Support can be found on page 20, lines 1-7 of the specification.

Labeled compound: the labeled compound comprises:



, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is linear or cyclic alkyl, hydrogen or substituted alkyl, aryl or substituted aryl and may contain carbonyl, hydroxy, thiol, halogen, nitrile, isonitrile, cyanate, isocyanate, thiocyanate, isothiocyanate functional groups. R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are defined as independently linear or cyclic lower alkyl or substituted alkyl, hydrogen, aryl or substituted aryl, and may contain carbonyl, hydroxy, thiol, halogen, nitrile, isonitrile, cyanate, isocyanate, thiocyanate, isothiocyanate functional groups and \* is labeled carbon position. Support can be found on page 20, lines 9-17 of the specification.

Again, this election is made without prejudice to the ability of Applicants to file divisional applications on any non-elected inventions.

Any questions with respect to the foregoing may be directed to Applicant's undersigned counsel at the telephone number listed below.

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